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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were originally filed in this application and amended in the consequent preliminary amendment. In the outstanding Office Action, the examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application having Pub. No. 2002/0134790 ("Tamaoki"). Applicants hereby cancel claim 16 leaving claims 1-15 pending and at issue.

With regard to the rejections of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejections. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are in allowable form as noted by the examiner.

Now turning to the §102 rejection of claim 16. Claim 16 has been canceled making this rejection moot.

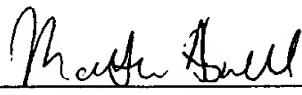
In light of the foregoing, the prompt issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the examiner have any questions, she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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